CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	45B70023.JPG
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	0901251.000
Medium:	Computer Image File Printout
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	The District Court at Manukau
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	06 October 2009
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file printout promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes and is deemed to be objectionable.

The publication is exploitive. Its purpose is to sexually arouse people with a sexual interest in children or young persons. The computer image (in file format or hard copy) encourages this sexual interest and gives credence to the idea that it is appropriate for adults to become sexually aroused by young girls. Such images also advance the idea that children are ready for adult forms of sexual activity and are available for adult sexual use. The effect is to encourage the sexual exploitation of children.

The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression as set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 are deemed to be objectionable. The classification is also a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to prevent the exploitation of vulnerable children.